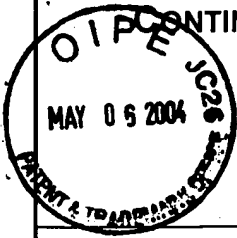


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Filing Date	June 12, 1997
First Named Inventor	Kayyem
Group Art Unit	1634
Examiner Name	Betty J. Forman
Attorney Docket No.	A-64558-1

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other: _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (including Form PTO-1449 and References)
 - iv. Other: _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-captioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. Other: _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Fees are calculated as follows:

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i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE BASIC FEE	\$ 770.00	\$ 770.00	\$ 385.00
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		Two-Month 420.00	210.00
		Three-Month 950.00	475.00
		Four-Month 1480.00	740.00
		Five-Month 2010.00	1005.00
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER ()	\$	\$	\$
- b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any variance between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges to **Deposit Account No. 50-2319**.
- c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees as indicated above, charge any variance or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 50-2319**.

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Advisory Action mailed March 15, 2004. This paper is being filed with a Request for Continued Education and the appropriate fee on or before May 3, 2004, making this a timely response. While the Applicant believes no other fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees, or any other relief which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our File: A-64558-1/RMS/RMK/SPL/463037-00080).